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Principles

Mr Nikita Khrushchev disclosed no radical changes in Soviet policy—foreign or domestic—in his report yesterday to the Communist Party Congress, but the speech was meritocratic for its reasonable tone. It contained implied admissions, but no threats. According to Mr Khrushchev, Russia has five prime objectives, all of which have been published before. One is "respect for co-existence," a second to strengthen relations with the "People's Democracies," a third to develop friendly relations specifically with India, Burma and Afghanistan, the fourth to work for better relations with Britain, France and the United States, and the fifth to maintain the defence potential of the Soviet Union.

As usual, there was no elaboration of these points by Mr Khrushchev; no indication of how Russia intends to implement the promised respect for co-existence; no sign of the means she intends to apply to improve relations with the Big Three.

A statement read by Dr White said: "After weighing very carefully all available evidence, including our own experience, and fully aware of the hazards and the uncertainties that lie ahead, we believe that medically the President should be able to carry on an active life satisfactorily for another five to ten years, but the choice is his, not ours."

The doctors gave Mr Eisenhower their favourable report on the basis, according to Dr White, of how he had withstood his workload during the last five weeks.

They elaborated their views in a session with news reporters shortly after they had given their findings to the President.

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THE REASONS

"What we have seen of the job and the way he has carried on during the last five weeks are the reasons for the answer I have just given."

Dr White was quickly asked whether he meant active life as President.

"That was the conclusion from the last sentence," he replied.

Dr Snyder was asked if the President "could serve another four years in the White House without damage to himself?"

"We believe he can serve four or five years or longer in a very active position of great responsibility," he replied.

The Press Secretary Mr James Hagerty opened the news conference by saying the gentlemen sitting with him were "doctors, not politicians."

THE WARNING

"They're here to report on their medical findings, nothing else," Mr Hagerty said.

He also reminded reporters that at his last news conference President Eisenhower had said, "I think I will probably trust my own feelings more than I will trust the doctors reports."

Dr White was asked for the President's reaction to the report of the doctors, and replied shortly: "He will make his own decision and will present to the people in a relatively short time his conclusions."

Dr White could not estimate the possible start of an election campaign, saying that this was "something he (the President) undoubtedly will mention later."

THE STRAIN

He also said while there were different schools of medical thought, he, for one, did not believe that stress and strain bring on heart attacks.

Asked whether there would have to be any limitation on a campaign by the President, Dr White said that was something Mr Eisenhower would have to say.

The doctors met among themselves for about an hour, beginning shortly before noon, at the White House. Then they were with the President for a full hour. They adjourned and saw Mr Eisenhower again, reporting their conclusion to him.

Other highlights from the conference:

Mr Eisenhower was still taking "oh anti-coagulant drug" and would continue to do so for some time.

Asked whether the President was now as healthy as he was before his heart attack, Dr Snyder said it was impossible to say that the President or any other person would not suffer "another

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MOVE UP

San Francisco, Feb. 14. Today's medical report on President Eisenhower's health sent the San Francisco and Los Angeles stock markets into heavy trading and caused a rise in prices of all leading stocks.

The New York stock market was closed by the time when an announcement was made.—Reuters.

Asked whether the physicians had advised him that he was physically fit for another term Dr White said, "We told him just what we've told you, but he will have to make his own statement."

The doctors did not in their detailed report and in their answers to questions attempt to portray the President as being without some continuing physical limitations.

Dr White explained that the President was still in a period of convalescence, but he expected his activity to increase slowly.

The formal medical report itself said "no physical abnormalities" other than the expected scars in the heart muscle showed up in the examinations conducted last Saturday at the Walter Reed Hospital.

Mr Eisenhower's pulse, temperature and blood pressure remained normal and stable, and his weight had not exceeded 172 pounds on a low-fat diet which rarely exceeded 1,800 calories a day.—United Press.

20 Die In Fire

Ankara, Feb. 14. At least 20 people were killed when fire destroyed three-quarters of the little port of Gerzo on the Black Sea, last night, it was learnt today.—France-Press.

Air Crash: 3 Dead

Cannes, Feb. 14. Two Paris newspapermen and a woman pilot were killed today when their aircraft crashed into the sea during a reporting mission over the snow-bound St. Tropez region.—France-Press.

18 KILLED IN CRASH

Passenger Trains Collide

Santiago, Feb. 14. At least 18 people were killed and 70 injured—40 of them seriously—when two passenger trains collided near Santiago yesterday. An excursion train taking workers on a trip to Cartagena beach to get away from the torrid heat of the capital was run into by a special train-bound for Baranquilla's beach.

Santiago firemen and field ambulances were immediately rushed to the disaster, and a broadcast appeal brought medical personnel on holiday flying to help the victims, which included four children and two women among the killed.

The Chilean President, Carlos Ibáñez Del Campo, immediately visited the scene of the accident, and later signed a decree appointing a special commission of investigation.

At the same time he ordered a complete reorganisation of the Chilean railway system.—France-Press.

No 'Third Man' In US Embassy

A LETTER, YES,
BUT NOT TO
DONALD MACLEAN

London, Feb. 14.

The Foreign Office tonight denied that any letter had been found in the British Embassy in Cairo addressed to former British diplomat Donald Maclean.

The Foreign Office said a letter had been found, but that it was addressed to "a third person, clearly not Maclean."

"There is nothing in the letter to justify the inference that Maclean was receiving secret U.S. documents from a contact in the American Embassy in Cairo or that its author was engaged in espionage," the statement said.

The Foreign Office continued: "The sentence in question reads: 'Donald is playing very cautiously about the David's replacement chap and has not decided what he is like'...."

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In particular the reports quoted one sentence: "David is very cautious about Donald's replacement and doesn't know what he is like"....

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Icy Swim To
Save Spaniel

London, Feb. 14. A 50-year-old woman, Miss Peggy Mayes, swam 20 yards in an ice-covered pond to rescue a spaniel which had fallen through the ice.

A few hours later Miss Mayes heard she had been awarded the silver medal of one of Britain's leading animal protection societies—China Mail Special.

Nye Bevan Made
Labour's
Colonial
Expert



London Feb. 14.

Left-winger Aneurin Bevan is Labour's new chief spokesman on colonial affairs.

In a reshuffle of his "shadow cabinet" Mr Hugh Gaitskell, Labour Party leader, also nominated Mr Harold Wilson, a leading lieutenant of Mr Bevan for many years, to succeed Mr Gaitskell himself as chief spokesman on treasury matters.

Mr Alfred Robens, former Labour Minister, continues as the party's chief Foreign Affairs spokesman, and is now given the assistance of Mr Kenneth Younger, one-time Minister of State at the Foreign Office.

None of the appointments, however, guarantees that the holder will necessarily become the minister responsible for the department concerned if Labour was elected to office.

Creec Jones To Help

Trying To Scare Me
Says Negro Student

New York, Feb. 14. Autherine Lucy, Negro girl student, who is fighting for readmission to the University of Alabama, said today she was going into hiding.

She told a New York newspaper she was still receiving threats over the telephone at her sister's home where she is staying.

"Last night the phone rang every two minutes for nearly seven hours," he said. "When one of us would pick it up and say 'hello' there would be no response at the other. You could tell there was someone on there. You could tell this was their way of trying to scare me."

Into Hiding

Mrs Lucy said she would leave her sister's home for a hiding place until her case comes up before the Federal Court in Birmingham, Alabama, on February 29.

She was excluded from the university on February 8 after three days of protest demonstrations and rioting.

The university is itself fighting to deny Mrs Lucy's readmission and expects to appeal to the United States Supreme Court for a delay in the application of the desegregation law. It was stated at his home to-night.—Reuters.

California Quake

San Francisco, Feb. 14. A long rolling earthquake shook southern California today, the second to hit the area in a week. The centre was believed to be in sparsely settled Mexican country near the head of the gulf of Mexico.—Reuters.

Attlee Better

London, Feb. 14. Earl Attlee, former British Labour Party leader, who fractured two ribs in a car accident on Friday night, had a comfortable day and is "progressing," it was stated at his home to-night.—Reuters.

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AUSTRALIA HAS CLAIM TO
ANTARCTIC TERRITORY

Canberra, Feb. 14. The presence of Soviet "squatters" in Queen Mary Land does not weaken Australia's 45-year-old claim to the Antarctic territory, authoritative government sources said today.

They pointed out that Russia asked Australia's permission before establishing a base at 92 degrees East longitude, near the centre of the 115-degree sector of Antarctica staked out by Australian explorers in 1911.

The Australian claim extends from 45 to 100 degrees East longitude.

The Russians proudly proclaimed their landing in the Antarctic yesterday. In a Moscow broadcast inspired by the opening day of the 20th Communist Party Congress, but they made no formal claim to the territory.

Made Clear

Observers here said the Russians are unlikely to attempt any "cornual" ("claim-jumping") while they are trying to renew diplomatic relations with Australia before the Olympic Games start in November.

On the other hand, Russian expedition chief Mikhail Somov made it clear in a radio interview with the United Press two weeks ago that Soviet authorities intend to keep a permanent finger in the Antarctic pie.

"No attempt to decide the question of a regime for Antarctica without the participation of the Soviet Union can be justified," Somov said.

Russia claims the Antarctic because a Russian explorer named Fabian von Bellingshausen sighted the first territory ever seen within the Antarctic Circle more than 124 years ago—a tiny island which he named for Czar Peter I.—United Press.

Sen. Symington
Symington
Attacks
Air Policy

Washington, Feb. 14. Sen. Stuart Symington charged today that the administration's "business-as-usual" approach to defense will give Russia air superiority.

He said the administration has adopted "policies which steadily reduce our relative air strength" as against the air strength of Russia, and that while Communist plane production "steadily increases, we steadily decrease our own."

Sen. Symington, Air Force Secretary in the Truman administration and a member of the Armed Services Committee, renewed his attack on administration defense policies in a Senate speech.

Pass Superiority

Because of administration economy cuts, he said, "we are planning to pass our air superiority over to the Communists."

This year, he said, the administration plans to spend more than \$1 billion less for aircraft procurement than last year. In 1955, he said, it purchased less than one-fourth the number of combat planes purchased in 1952.—United Press.

The announcement also said that James Stewart and Cyd Charisse would be co-starred with Miss Kelly in the film.

Miss Kelly completed the role of a princess in "The Swan" before her engagement to Prince Rainier was announced, but the film has not yet been released. She is at present completing "High Society." Both films are MGM productions.—Reuter.

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'Brane' Guides Aircraft To Target

New York, Feb. 14.

THE B-52 bomber and jet planes of the future will be equipped with a new radar bombing and navigational system of "unprecedented reliability," it was announced today by International Business Machines Corp.

The new device, called "Brane" (Boeing Radar Navigation Equipment), guides a plane thousands of miles to its target and automatically zooms in the plane on the target, releasing its bomb load. An Air Force spokesman said operational details of the device were still restricted.

Mr C. F. McElwain, general manager, Military Products Division of IBM, said the Brane, which took five years to develop and had been in pilot production for a year, currently cost about \$300,000. The mechanism weighs 1,457 pounds and uses 300 vacuum tubes.

Mr McElwain pointed out that the system did not rely on ground beacons. He said the new bombing device marked a big step forward in reliability in an age of high-cost aircraft, and for the first time met all the stringent demands of high-altitude, supersonic flight.—United Press.

Freedom Of Melbourne

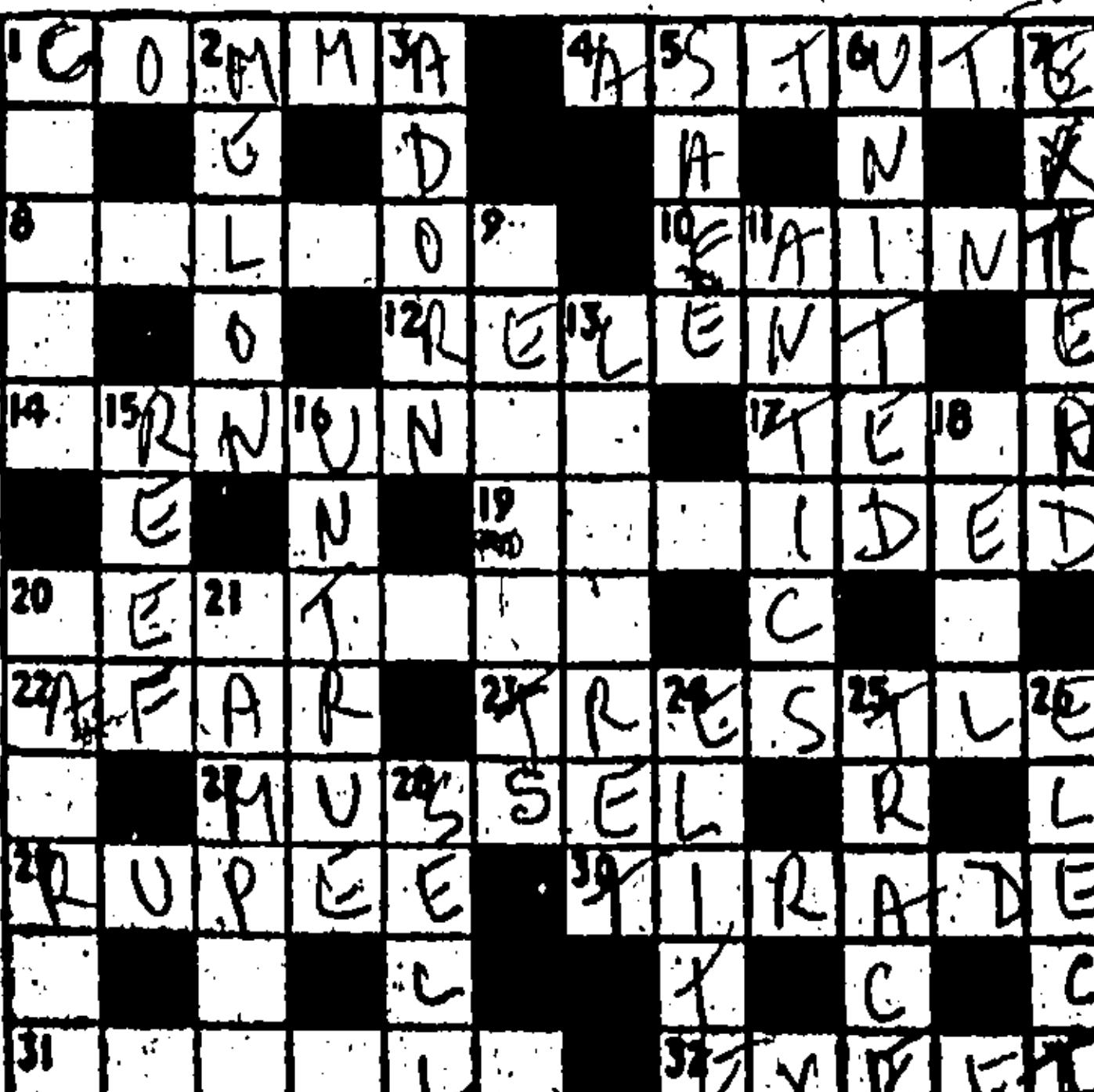
Melbourne, Feb. 14.

Melbourne City Council will soon become the first council in Australia with the right to grant the freedom of the city to distinguished visitors.

The Victorian Premier, Mr Henry Bolte, said here that legislation to enable the council to "bestow" the time-honoured compliment would be operating before the Olympic Games in November.

—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS:**
1 Punctuation mark (6).
4 Shrewd (6).
8 Advised (6).
10 Indistinct (6).
12 Soften (6).
14 Bent (6).
15 Bird (6).
19 Shunned (7).
20 Spared (7).
21 A stiff (4).
22 Metal support (4).
23 Shellfish (6).
24 Indian coin (6).
25 Velvety speech (6).
26 Sing (6).
28 Oast (5).
- DOWN:**
1 Heavenly body (6).
2 Fruit (6).
3 Bedevil (6).
5 Secure (4).
6 Joined (6).
7 Stretch (6).
9 Retracts (6).
11 Capra (6).
13 Young animal (6).
15 Chain of rocks (6).
16 Fable (6).
18 Action (6).
20 Littoral (6).
21 Molly-moddle (6).
24 Cedars (5).
26 Verdant (6).
28 Chosen (6).
29 Dispose of (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Assisted, 8 Anon., 13 Once, 15 Prohibit, 16 Define, 18 App., 21 Military, 23 Retained, 26 Ties, 27 Western, Down: 1 Telephone, 4 See, 5 Titan, 7 Dodge, 9 Habit, 10 April, 12 Ogres, 14 Cities, 16 Spain, 17 Tomato, 19 Arrow, 20 Paths, 21 Adieu, 22 Love, 23 Avid, 24 Year.

Illegal Entry Into US Enquiry

New York, Feb. 14.

A probe into the illegal entry of Chinese into the United States was started on Tuesday by a special Federal Grand Jury.

US Attorney Paul Williams stated that the organization which sponsors these entries is "us" and that it had headquarters in New York, Boston, Washington and San Francisco.

According to the immigration authorities, the illegal entries are based on having American citizenship.—China Mail Special.

Served Too Much Potato

Wienburg, Feb. 14.

A United States Army private who served extra large portions of potatoes to American troops here has been fined \$5 dollars and given a suspended sentence of 30 days hard labour.

An army spokesman said a court martial found private Frank Astolos guilty of "wilfully disobeying the order of his commanding officer by causing the troops with large portions of potatoes."—China Mail Special.

BRITAIN'S EPU DEFICIT

London, Feb. 14.

Britain had a deficit with the European Payments Union in January of £3,682,571. It was announced today.

She paid off 75 per cent of this deficit in gold and the remainder was added to her outstanding debt to the Union.

During the month Britain made further payments totalling £780,780 to other countries in the union to reduce her own total deficit.

Belgium received £207,857, the Netherlands £223,214, Sweden £152,857 and Switzerland £92,857.

As a result of the above transactions the total British debt to the union was increased from £122,981,017 to £123,165,000.—Reuter.

Economic Development Of Asia

Bangalore, Feb. 14.

The twelfth session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) ended today on a note of optimism regarding the economic future of Asian countries.

Some 200 representatives and observers from 32 countries generally felt that the Asian countries have now emerged from a long period of economic stagnation and were ready for a march toward economic development.

ECAFE's last session drew a large crowd which filled the Bangalore Town Hall and adjoining streets outside and heard the concluding speeches by loudspeakers. Individual delegations were cheered by the crowd, particularly Dr P. Lagudu of the Philippines who appeared wearing a Gandhi cap.

Co-operation

Final speeches by delegates stressed the generally co-operative atmosphere of the session and praised the organisation of the meeting.

Earlier today, a minor political debate arose when Russia insisted that the draft report should include the Soviet delegate's references calling for the substitution of the "Chiang Kai-shek clique" delegate by a representative of China.

After lengthy debate the Soviet delegate, P. A. Malinov, suggested his remarks be indicated in the draft report by reference to the paragraphs concerned instead of their mention in his own words. The meeting accepted this suggestion.

Insult

The Nationalist Chinese delegate Chen Ching-men then proposed that his statement taking exception to Russia's insult "to the head of the only legally constituted government of the Republic of China" also be included in the report closely following the reference to the Soviet resolution. The Nationalist suggestion also was accepted.

With the exception of these amendments the draft report was adopted and will be submitted to the Commission's parent body—the United Nations Economic and Social Council.—United Press.

Ancient Statuettes Found

Bogdad, Feb. 14.

A United States archaeological expedition in Iraq has unearthed five copper statuettes, more than 4,000 years old, of two Sumerian kings. It was announced here.

The figures, each 1.4 inches long, were found in stone boxes under the foundations of temples in the Niffer excavation situated near Diwaniyah, some 90 miles south of here.

The Sumerians, creators of the oldest-known civilisation, believed to have invented the art of writing.

They inhabited Sumur, the ancient name for the plain bordering the lower Euphrates River. It was later called Babylon.

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Walking On Ice-Blue Danube



Townspole of Villach, Austria, are shown walking on the frozen waters of the Danube, which had overflowed its banks, rendering many families homeless in the resulting floods.—Express Photo.

FURRIER FADED ROBBERY

Beverly Hills, Feb. 14.

AL Teitelbaum, a leading furrier to the motion picture world and close friend of film celebrities, was gaoled today on charges that he staged a fake \$280,000 robbery of his exclusive fur salon.

The 40-year-old furrier was regarded as a philanthropist by the film colony here for the helping hand he gave singer Mario Lanza when the partly tenor broke relations with his studio and was out of work for more than a year.

Among his patrons were such celebrities as Joan Crawford, Lana Turner, Jane Wyman, Lovetta Young and many others.

Teitelbaum was reported heavily in debt to the fur trade, but the police said they could not tell if his helping hand to his friends was responsible for an estimated \$700,000 he owed.

Five Others

The police chief, Clinton Anderson announced that Teitelbaum was charged with conspiracy to defraud an insurance company and conspiracy to commit grand theft as a result of the robbery of his fur salon last December 27. Police said five others were booked on the same charges as alleged participants in the plot.

Teitelbaum had claimed a \$135,000 loss on December 7, 1955, when he reported two men held him up and escaped with a large quantity of furs. Lloyds of London refused to pay insurance on the furs and Teitelbaum fled suit in a case not yet settled.

The mink has been in the monastery for over 20 years. His lay name is Thomas Malloch Harmon.—France-Press.

POLICE ROUND UP CALL GIRLS

New York, Feb. 14.

Police said today that they expected to detain a dozen or more high-priced call girls soon, in the biggest suspected "love for sale" ring since the arrest three years ago of M. F. (Mickey) Jelke, heir to a fortune.

Two women were summoned yesterday when they were found at fashionable Park Avenue addresses.

One of them was a burlesque ex-showgirl and the other was a tall blonde—said when she was found—who claimed to be a student at one of America's leading universities for women.

Surprise Move

Deputy Police Commissioner James R. Kennedy said there were signs that the call girls now being sought earned more than \$100 dollars (about \$35 sterling) for their company.

The tall, 21-year-old blonde, summoned yesterday, who identified herself as Jane Stacey of Buffalo, and the blonde, Jane Cook, 33, were taken to the District Attorney's office in a surprise move today for a grand jury investigation of pornography.

The girls, when they were summoned, had been awaiting a hearing on vice charges.

Police said the investigation had been going on for more than a month and was continuing on an "intensive scale."

They said the evidence included transcripts of wire-tapped telephone calls to the Cook flat.

Police alleged that the blonde was caught nude in bed with an unidentified man at a fashionable and ultra-conservative hotel, where the couple had registered under the name of Smith.

The room had been rented for the day for 20 dollars (about \$7 sterling).

Man Arrested

Neither any New York hotel where the blonde said she was vacationing nor the university she said she attended knew her.

Last night, police called again at the Cook flat and arrested Frederick Rosenberg, 31, who had been the bookie with the blonde.

Rosenberg, who had been managing a New York restaurant, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Air Marshal Visits Fort



Wing Commander Alan, Air Marshal Sir Alan, stands in front of a B-52 aircraft of the Far East Transport Command. When asked if he had seen the film "The Robe," Sir Alan said he had seen it. He is shown with the sword he used in the film.

In Lapland, it's smart to ASK THEM OVER FOR A BATH

Says RENE MacCOLL

WHEN my plane landed at Rovaniemi of its 15,000 population capital and I was shown—with immense pride—the new schools and hospitals, the modernistic Lutheran church, and the pleasant residential areas.

Here in Rovaniemi, as all over Finland, the sauna plays a great part in life. This is the communal bath house, and the Finns delight in the ceremony whereat water is poured over red-hot stones to produce clouds of steam.

A herd of reindeer was sniffing around and it was snowing hard.

Everyone was covered in fur hats, fur-lined parkas, and high boots.

I have so far refused to make any sacristy concessions to local weather conditions and am dressed as though for a stroll in the King's Road, Chelsea—a fact which has caused frosty eyebrows to rise on all sides.

This is the capital of Lapland—and the gateway to charming fantasy.

Two worlds exist side by side and intermingled: one is the world of forests and hills, the world of reindeer (about 150,000 of them), wild bear, the little Lapps themselves in their distinctive hollyberry-red tunics decked with touches of brilliant green and blue.

A world of misty beauty and, above all, a world of silence; a world in which there is only just now two hours a day of dim and snowflake-filled daylight in which to see it.

The other is the modern world of this capital—matter-of-fact and businesslike.

Rovaniemi was 90 percent destroyed by German spite in the last war and the Finns have had to do their usual energetic job of rebuilding.

Young Dancers

The hotel I am at is excellent. The service—waitresses wear well-cut dark suits—is first. And I can get anything from tender steaks to a bottle of vintage burgundy.

I watched a dance at the hotel—during which elegantly dressed young men and women solemnly executed fox-trots and slightly uncertain can-can to the strains of ancient British and American dances.

I paid a courtesy call on Uno Hannula, the hard-bitten governor of Lapland.

He courteously insisted on my being taken by car for a tour



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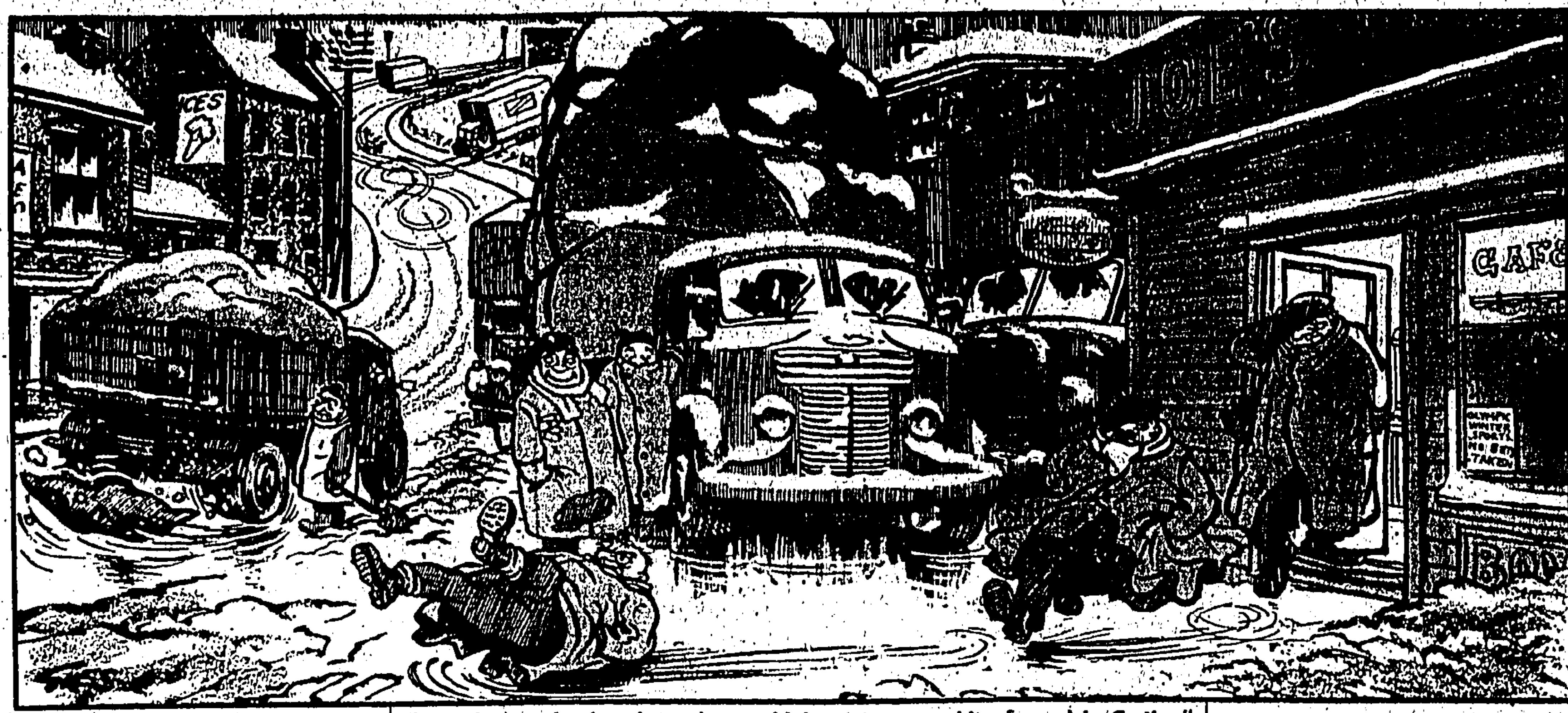
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Russia Proclaims Herself A Western Nation, Yet THE EAGLE FACES EAST

By Stephen Garnett

THE heraldic eagle of the old Imperial Russia was provided

with two heads, looking different ways, as if to symbolise the argument and dilemma of the historians: is Russia an Eastern nation looking westwards, or a Western nation looking eastwards?

The Czar may have become Genghis Khan, but his Soviet successors have remained Russian. What, then, have they done with their Asian inheritance?

They have not relinquished it and see no reason to do so, whatever may become of other empires. They have organised and they have done so on the principle of the supremacy of the Russian people, the Russian language and "advanced Russian experience." The history of the USSR since its establishment is the story of the successful grafting of that possibly odd-fashioned but very vigorous idea upon Marxist theory.

Since the 1917 Revolution, the territory controlled from Moscow has not shrunk; it has expanded. The argument has consequently continued.

How are we to regard a continental power that sprawls from the North Sea

to the Pacific? How, in fact, do the Russians, or their leaders, regard themselves?

It was almost an invitation to tidy our minds, to look again at the map, and to ask ourselves by what general or special historical process a European nation came to occupy, or to be dominant in, so large an area of two continents. It was certainly, in Mr Krushchev's own phraseology, an invitation to compare the Russian record with that of other nations in the West.

And it is of some interest that Lenin gave the name of "The Great Revolution of the East" to an operation that was not an obvious product of the Communist Manifesto. This was against those who wished to give priority to the promotion of world revolution. But there is no convincing reason to suppose that the course of events would have been radically different, or less ruthless, under any one of his rivals. They were all

"Europeans," directing a revolution conceived even further West than Russia.

To secure and consolidate its power, the USSR has endeavoured to extend its Western progress; both have served as weapons against nationalism and against religion in Russia's Asian territories. Whether this is "good" or "bad" is a matter for a different enquiry. But it is so.

What is also clear is that the road which the Asian peoples of the USSR have travelled is not the road which they thought had been opened to them by the Russian Revolution. The destruction of the Czarist power seemed to promise freedom from Muscovite control.

And, indeed, in answer to this unconcealed aspiration, the promise was actually made.

Immediately after the Revolution, there was a further compulsory change from "Eddin" to "Oryville" alphabets made necessary by the decree on the obligatory teaching of Russian in all non-Russian schools. Both alphabetic revolutions represent Western progress; both have served as weapons against nationalism and against religion in Russia's Asian territories.

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November 15, 1917, the different peoples of the former Czarist Empire were declared to have the right to separate existence.

The "Ussuri lands" of the remaining Kazakh stockbreeders with State farms manned by "volunteers" from the West.

New Kazakhstan, like the other constituent Republics, still possessed, in writing, the right to secede which its people once demanded. Why, when other Eastern peoples have preferred independent existence, has it not done so? The answer might be that it prefers the political, economic and cultural pattern imposed by the Western revolution.

In many cases the support was given. In others there was nationalist opposition to the revolution from the West. It is a bloody story, but revolutions often are bloody.

Not Granted

Again, it may be historically "good" or "bad" for the peoples of Central Asia to have been incorporated in the Soviet Union. Moscow, proclaiming it as "good" set about the re-interpretation of history and of culture and the elimination of former national heroes.

And Moscow is a Western city. Organisation, roads, railways, factories, dams, eventually flowed in on a Western tide and with them, Russians. By 1930 the number of Kazakhs in the USSR had fallen by 870,000 from the 1929 figure. But the Russians and Ukrainians in Kazakhstan had increased by at least half a million. This was in the industrialised region, and now there is a big drive to colonise

the border regions from "Russia," he then wrote, "must be rejected." There was a demand, and it was rejected.

Not only that, but in the case of the Mongol and Buddhist Kalmyks wooed by Lenin and granted an "Autonomous Soviet Socialist Republic," the republic was abolished in December 1943, the entire population was deported, the capital was given a new Russian name and the Kalmyks disappeared from Soviet reference books.

Whatever name we give them, these are large historic gestures. They are to be regarded as Western gestures. Disastrous as it may be to more liberal traditions in the West, this orientation was never really in doubt.

IT'S NAT GUBBINS AGAIN!

Four Centuries

BUT let us leave that comparison to the critics of today—or the historians of tomorrow. Comparisons, at the moment, are apt to be strident. Now that we know which way the eagle really looks, the facts seem simple. It is only when the sum of these facts has to be described as "good" or "bad" that conversation suddenly becomes controversial.

Whether it was "good" or "bad" that Ivan the Terrible captured Kazan on October 2, 1552, is not now a burning issue. It made an incident in a memorable Soviet film. But what else?

Honest Mr B. admits all this, but his story is to be continued regardless.

From that point in time when European Slavs turned back the tide of Mongol invasion from the East, the dominating theme of four centuries of Russian history has been the thrust to East and South. The courts and policies of spectacular "Western-looking" sovereigns like Peter the Great, and Catherine the Great, secured most of the attention in European history books.

But all the time—and partly, no doubt, because the other Western nations could hold their frontiers with Russia—the sea of Muscovite energy was flowing the other way. Generation after generation, pushed almost blindly to the Altai and across the Urals, to the Altai and over them to the great plains of the nomads, and southeast to the Hindu Kush, and south to the Caucasus.

Unfettered by facts, I would then write the life story of the Queen of Tonga for a enormous fee and retire to an enormous home in Surrey, Stockbrokers' Tudor style, I think.

"What?"

"Are you the Queen of Tonga?"

"Am I what?"

"The QUEEN OF TONGA for hire. O for chose N for Nan, G for George."

"There is nobody here called George."

"I don't want George."

"Then why did you ask him?"

"I didn't." "Yes you did." "No I didn't." I said G for George." "George Gee isn't here either."

"I don't want George Gee."

"Then who do you want?"

"The Queen of Tonga, Tonga, Tonga."

"Bonga, Bonga, Bonga."

"No. Tongi, tongi, tongi, tongi."

"Are you ringing a bell?"

"No."

"Who are you anyway?"

"Gubbins."

"Who?"

"GUBBINS. G for George U for Uncle."

"You say you are Uncle George!"

"No, I am not Uncle George."

"Then you want Uncle George."

"No, I don't want Uncle George."

"Then who do you want?"

"Oh, skip it."

"He is not here either."

"I think you're wonderful, he said."

Whenever wives and mothers meet

They stand about on aching feet

In wind and rain, on snow and ice,

To talk about the current price

Of bacon, rayons, meat and hats.

Or winter coats and cooking fats.

They talk of weddings, grooms,

and brides; and brides;

They talk of pains in their insides;

The cost of margarine and eggs

The things that start upon their legs,

Of operations and (ahem)

Advice the doctor gave to them.

* * *

They stand about in wind and rain

And talk and talk and talk again

Of things quite nice and—not quite nice.

Stamping their feet on snow and ice.

* * *

They stand about in their babies' gums

And scolded cusses on their times

(I mean, of course, the babies' times)

And not the times of babies' times.)

They talk about their husbands' views

And how they suffer from the screws.

* * *

Lady, do not wear your ring.

When you're buying cabbages,

Green grocers are apt to think

You have too much lolly.

Twopence each tomato.

Kid yourself you're looking smart!

Green grocers are smatter.

* * *

He blames it on the Government.

My husband says such awful things

About the way they're pulling strings.

My husband says they'll have to go,

My husband says, and he should know.)

* * *

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Of things quite nice and—not quite nice.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Penalty Double Tips Off Foes

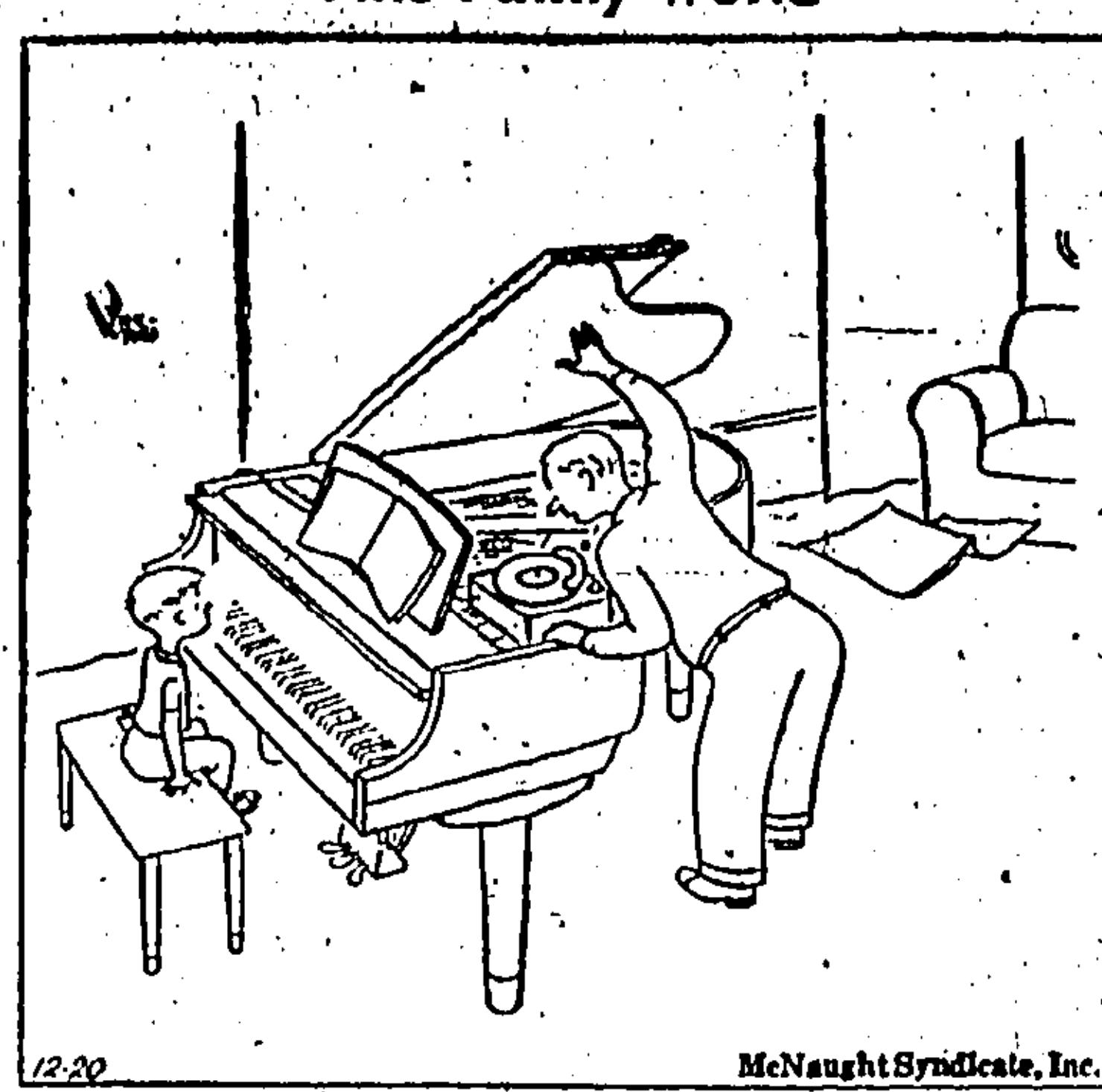
By OSWALD JACOBY

In certain bidding situations you get the opportunity to use a penalty double as a way of suggesting a lead to your partner. If you're not careful with these doubles, however, you may give the opponents more information than your partner. Today's hand illustrates the point.

North's response of three clubs was part of the Stayman Convention, asking South to show a biddable major suit. If he had one. Everybody at the table knew the meaning of this bid, and knew likewise that it would be purely coincidental if North really had a club suit.

East doubled partly to suggest a club opening lead to his partner and partly with the naive hope that the opponents would be frightened into bidding less than the true value of the hand. As it turned out, the double merely encouraged

South to bid boldly. South ignored the double to begin with, showing his biddable spade suit as requested. When North promptly jumped to six spades, South considered the fact that he had all four aces



"Paderewski's Minuet. I thought you sounded pretty good for a beginner!"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY,

BORN today, you are gifted with musical talents and you might be happy if you made this your life career. However, you are also interested in mechanics and in some areas of science; this will open other areas of endeavour if you feel you should leave the more artistic pursuits for hobbies and avocation.

You women have a more frivolous side to your nature, for you are very fond of pretty clothes, fine jewels and entertainment. You are a born socialite, full of charm and beauty and will make excellent hostesses. You have a fine memory, which is a great help, and you would do well in politics or in the stock exchange, for which you might find yourself fitted.

You have a tremendous store of nervous energy but must guard

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you are polite and careful, you can be a success. Encouraged by this last fact, South went on to the grand slam.

West opened a club, as expected, thus solving one of South's problems at the grand slam contract. The only remaining problem was to draw trumps without the loss of a trump trick.

After winning the first trick with the ace of clubs, South led the ace of spades. West followed with the eight of spades, hoping to persuade South to take the second trump trick with dummy's queen.

South had made up his mind, however, that East was long in clubs and was therefore likely to be short in spades. Declarer therefore took the second trump trick with his hand with the king, discovering the distribution of the trumps. It was then easy to finesse the ten of spades in dummy, draw the last trump and run the rest of the tricks.

CARD Sense

Q.—The bidding has been:

South: West: North: East:

Diamond Pass: 1 Heart Pass

?

You, South, hold:

♦ A ♦ K ♦ 9 ♦ 8 ♦ 7 ♦ 6 ♦ 5 ♦ 4 ♦ 3 ♦ 2 ♦ 1 ♦

What do you do?

A.—Bid three diamonds. This jump in your own suit is highly invitational but not forcing. If North rebids hearts, you will raise; if he bids game in no-trump; you will pass.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

♦ A ♦ K ♦ 9 ♦ 8 ♦ 7 ♦ 6 ♦ 5 ♦ 4 ♦ 3 ♦ 2 ♦ 1 ♦

What do you do?

Answer: Tomorrow

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

"IMAGINE," says an article on animals, "how enormous an elephant must seem to a mouse."

It cuts both ways, as the Turk said of the two-edged sword. In Delhi they tell the story of an elephant who fell down, quietly, picking himself up with his first mouse. "You're very small," said the elephant. "Yes," said the mouse. "I've been ill, you see."

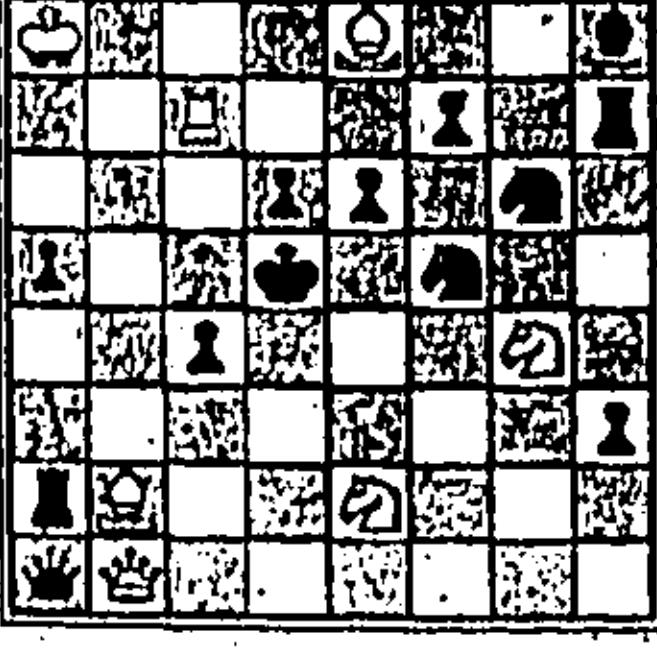
Superautomation

I HEAR that something went wrong with the tests of the newest television automatic machine. When the bell was rung, a wire inserted by an official who pressed the button marketed British Breakfasts: Frozen Chinese Egg Powder and Processed Near-Bacon, there was a smell of escaping gas, a toothbrush shot out and began to brush his teeth, a bone for a dog fell out of the slot marked Evening Papers, an alarm clock went off, a cultured voice said, "Buy Snibbo," a whirling sound preceded the playing of "Lonesome For De Moon," a shower of greaseproof paper came out of the top of the machine, followed by a packet of daintacks and a toy swan, card with the printed message, "Mine, Zaphronia, the fortune-teller, says: This is your lucky day," dropped out of the slot.

CHESS PROBLEM

By L. NEUMANN

Black, 13 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-K5; threat, 2. K1-K6

KB5; 1 ... R (K1)×Q; 2. R

(KB7)-K7; 1 ... R×Kt; 2. Q-

B5; 1 ... R×P; 2. Q-K7; 1 ...

Kt×Kt; 2. B×QBP; 1 ... R-

K3; 2. Q-Q6.

The Very First House
—Punch Explains How It Came To Be Built—
By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Handi and Teddy the Stuffed Bear were all sitting in the corner of the Playroom talking together in low tones (for on rainy days no one likes to talk very loud). Then finally Teddy said: "Who built the first house?"

Handi, who was surprised at this question, looked at Teddy and said: "I don't know who built the first house."

"It must have been very long ago," said Knarf.

"How did they keep the rain from falling on the fire?" asked Knarf.

"That's it," said Mr. Punch. "On rainy days, when they needed fire the most, it was hardest to start and keep going. Then someone (I think it was Jones) said: 'Let us cover our fire so the rain doesn't put it out.'"

"What did they do when it rained?" asked Handi.

"That's it," said Mr. Punch. "On rainy days, when they needed fire the most, it was hardest to start and keep going. Then someone (I think it was Jones) said: 'Let us cover our fire so the rain doesn't put it out.'

"But then someone, I think it was Smith, said: 'It would be nice if we could all stand under the roof so that the rain would keep off us, too, as well as the fire!'"

"This was quite surprising. It seemed very curious reason for building a house," said Mr. Punch.

"I'll explain all about it," said Mr. Punch. "It all happened long ago. In those faraway days, people didn't live in houses. They slept on the ground or high up in the branches of the trees. But they knew about fire. Often, at night, they built a fire on the ground

(Account of American concert.)

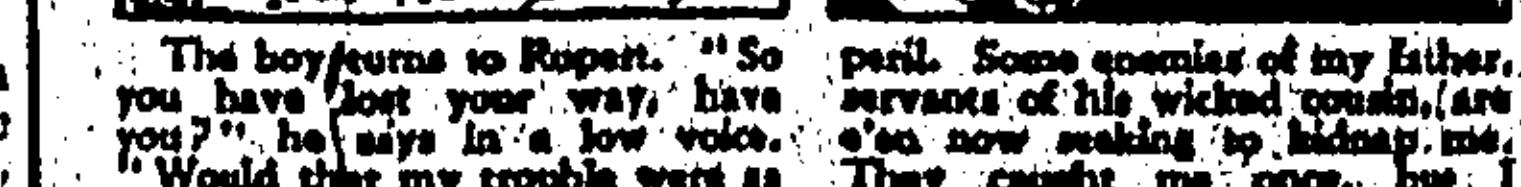
As Walt Whitman said, "Music lifts mankind," but Walt, who does more than Milton can to justify the howling fan, did not foresee that mankind, when lifted, would be thrown back into the auditorium like a cast-off fish into the sea. "Throw me that pretty girl on the left," cries a man-about-town who has had the good sense to remain in his bath. But suppose over-zealous students had hung the sink and the stinks by mistake? What would have been left of them? And of the winds that far around them whirled about the scald.

Marginal note

I SEE that an Englishman has said that it is barbaric to cook roast lamb with garlic.

A French lady retorted that it was barbaric to eat roast lamb with mint sauce. The French lady is right. Mint sauce kills wine.

Rupert and the Gold Acorn—7

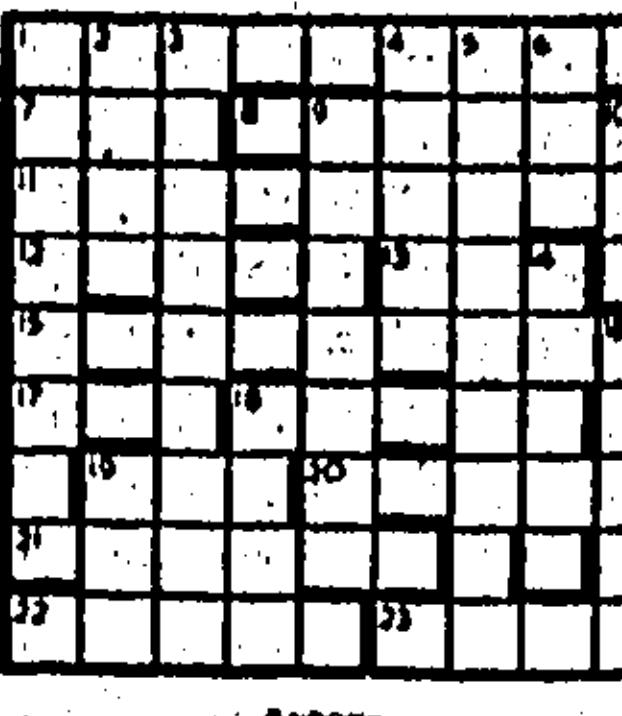


The boy turns to Rupert. "So you have lost your way, have you?" he says in a low voice.

"Would that my trouble were as light as that!" "But what is light?" inquires Rupert. "Are you lost now?" "No," he says, "but where's the boy?" "I am dire

and barren.

CROSSWORD



Across:
1. Is streets off with a whine? (8)
2. Little in the cabin story. (8)
3. I.e. drivers! (angry). (9)
4. Branch of peacemakers. (8)
5. It's a bit on the farm. (8)
6. In opposition. (8)
7. Take a note of music! (8)
8. Join up here! (8)
21. Jeered. (6)
22. Dutch backwater. (8)
23. Never, do this away from my door! (4)

Down:
1. The bottle is by no means tiny. (8)
2. The eye is a witch's plaything. (8)
3. You shouldn't sit, sit, with stool underneath. (8)
4. It's more than just bright. (8)
5. The termination is half, a friend. (8)
6. Friend. (8)
7. Those legs appear, maybe, hair through a voyage. (8)

14. Origin of POLITICAL many a black-faced song. (8)
15. Target. (8)
16. The wind is (8)
17. You may show a (8)
18. In you, it may show a (8)
19. Friend. (8)
20. Friend. (8)

21. Embroidered, the other full-skirted with no embroidery.

Day dresses are reed-slim-trimmed with buttons and bows.

Evening dresses in rich satin

show amusing small jewels,

the garden party dresses in

white and emerald green

have companion parasols.

Small squares may be seen only.

Each word must contain

the large letter in the centre square and there must be at least one other word containing it.

No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 30 words, good; 35 excellent. Solution tomorrow.

TARGET

N E R

D P H

P E A

How many words of four letters can be made out of the letters in the word?

From the left: In making each letter in each of the small squares may be seen only.

Each word must contain

the large letter in the centre square and there must be at least one other word containing it.

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SHOW POINTS

Records of the recent show:

Jacques Helm showed the youngest collection he has made for years. Feminine and supple

dresses with high bust lines,

Lots of buttons and bows, and hemlines considerably shorter.

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WOMANSENSE

WHO IS THE "MADDEST

HATTER" IN PARIS?

By EILEEN ASCROFT

Paris.

SUBJECTS

for an

intriguing competition.

Who is the maddest hatter in Paris? Certainly, French millinery has never been crazier. These large, deep crowns take some getting used to, but they grow on one.

Send

choose

straw

or

gold

brimmed

hats

with tall

brims.

They reminded me slightly of

those large hats our mothers

wore when the first motor car

was invented.

Pauline returns to a sloppy

Garbo Jeff pull-on, but gives

a pointed crown. On cocktail

there are metallic veils

and masks worn by fencers.

Gilbert Orcel makes hats

round as eggs and other

like motorcycle crash helmets.

Genevieve Fat has a charming

black beret inspired by an old

British Boxing Is Facing Another Crisis

Says JOHN DAVIS

London, Feb. 14.

British boxing is facing another crisis. While still recovering from the crippling entertainment tax and the television threat, boxing must tackle a new danger which has arisen in the shape of shameful decisions which are bringing the sport into disrepute.

Four times within three months a major fight has ended with a decision which has provoked uproar and national controversy.

These decisions do incalculable harm to the British reputation of justice and fair play, and the British Boxing Board of Control has been urged to take immediate remedial action.

"The great boxing scandal,"— "the shame of false verdicts,"— "let us try anything to stop this chaos,"— "lift referee standards." These are some of the headlines over articles by sports writers calling on the Board to take steps to prevent further damage to the sport.

The Board has a difficult task. It must decide what is wrong. Is it the refereeing, the system of controlling fights in Britain, or the inability of fight fans to read a fight correctly?

Whatever it is, British sport cannot afford any more of the ugly scenes of mob violence which spread around the ring-side, with blows, bottles and buckets thrown around, and sometimes injuring innocent spectators.

The Board will have to decide whether the British professional system of refereeing is outdated, and it may give some thought to the American system of two ringside judges and a referee, all of whom vote.

Promoter Jack Solomons is willing to try out the American system. "We must do something to stop these deplorable verdicts," he said, "and I am prepared to give the referees a try out at one of my bouts."

British amateur boxing has a system which works reasonably well. Referee controls the bout, but he has nothing to do with the decision. Three ringside judges hand in their marked cards, and a majority decision is awarded.

AGE LIMIT

One thing the Board may consider is the placing of an age limit for referees. This important job calls for alertness, both physically and mentally, and one cannot expect this quality from ageing officials.

After protests against the verdict in favour of London's un-beaten Peter Waterman against Kid Gavilan, Cuba's former World Welterweight Champion, the British Board of Control is to hold an inquiry on February 22.

Maybe by that time the Board, whose stewards spend a lot of time round the ring-side,

SOCCER

Nationalist China Scores Convincing Win In Manila

Manila, Feb. 15.

The Nationalist Chinese Air Force football team wound up their eight-game Manila series with a convincing 3-2 victory last night over the Manila League football Champions, the Chen Hong Lion team.

The Airmen leave for Cebu City, Southern Philippines, for a match with a shipping company team, and will return to Manila for a final game with a Chinese selection.

The Formosans took the first half 1-0 as they blanketed the Lions in last night's game. This was scored by right-winger Mak Yung-ming.

The Airmen played a defensive game throughout and relaxed during the closing stages of the game to enable the Lions to score two goals but not before the visitors' got two goals early in the second half.

The Manila record of the airmen thus stands at six wins, one tie and a loss.—France Presse.

Softball Postponed

Both the men's and ladies' International softball matches were cancelled yesterday due to rain. Dates and time for these games will be announced later in the press.

THE GAMBOLS



WATERMAN BEATS EX-WORLD CHAMPION



First major victory for Peter Waterman, of London, in his 10-round contest against Kid Gavilan, of Cuba (left) at Harringay on January 7, where he was awarded the fight on points

Seems There's More Fighting Outside The Ring Than Inside

Says ARCHIE QUICK

What a hullabaloo there is in British Heavyweight boxing circles! Everybody is hurrying and flurrying to such an extent that you would almost think that they believed the once prized title not valuable enough to fight for!

There is at the moment a general free-for-all in which Henry Cooper, Joe Erskine, Dick Richardson, Brian London, Johnny Williams and Jack Gardner are concerned with the Champion, Don Cockell, standing calmly aloof surveying the scene which he conquered three years ago and which he has not since defended.

All the fuss and bother started when Cardiff promoter deemed to sign Erskine and Richardson to contest the Welsh title in May. Up rose Williams' manager Mr Ted Broadbribble and said, "What about Erskine's British eliminator with Williams?" State-of-the-art was nipped in the bud by Erskine's manager agreeing to meet Williams by April, although the Cardiff boy also has an engagement at Carmarthen in March. That contretemps was seemingly settled when Cooper's manager Mr Jim Wicks intervened with a protest asking why his protege was being by-passed.

The British Board of Control seemed to lose grip in face of this storm but at least they agreed on a Cockell-Gardner bout for the Championship on Derby eve in June at the White City, London—vainly gloriously as British Boxing showpiece of the summer. If avoidups counts, it certainly will be; not otherwise.

GREAT THINGS. But the position was still very fluid. Someone suggested that the two boxers who had been left out in the cold during all this hoo-haa, London and Cooper, should meet and at least decide which one of these two should go forward to greater things. Not on your nite! Mr Wicks for Cooper and Ed—Heavyweight Champion Jack London, on behalf of his son, contended that that sort of thing would not get them anywhere and the winner of the Williams-Erskine fracas was necessarily negative and defensive. The need for a first holder after a play off with Peter Thomson (Australia) and Flory Van Donck (Belgium).

Now both trophies will be won on British soil and the

CLUB OUTLOOK. What a pity that is the club outlook these days—a slogan of "Stop the other fellow scoring and you can't lose." What dreary football it makes for. But the economics of football being what they are today, and its ever-present need for a bigger income makes this Cup style a "must."

By far the most enterprising footballer in the Cheltenham-Burnley game was Frank Burstone, the home club's international outside-left. He was the one player who could control the ball on the frozen surface and it is a commentary on the drift of the game that he was severely criticised afterwards. In some quarters for holding on to the ball. Not only did he score Cheltenham's goal but he was always praiseworthy trying to use the ball to good advantage. Yet he was roared by some captions critics.

Surely Burnley must be somewhere near a record in the size of their forward line? Gray, McKee, Murdoch, Chesser, Burrough and Pilkington. Five midfingers, four of them five feet six inches tall, and McRoy a towering five feet eight! But how effective they are. They can win the League Championship.

HKFA DINNER. The original Interport dinner scheduled to be held tomorrow at Wimber House for the Korean football players will take place as arranged. This dinner will be for the members of the Press, Council members, players, referees and linesmen.

With a few notable exceptions, such is the stereotyped channel in which Soccer is played today, that the introduction of a new player however young is merely like fitting a universal cog into a machine. The youngster has been so drilled what to expect and what to do to counter that he drops into his team place without any need to reveal individualism.

Such it was in the Cheltenham-Burnley FA Cup Fourth Round

Greatest Gathering Of Golf Talent Is Assured For British Open Tourney

Says LEONARD BELSHAM

London, Feb. 14.

The greatest gathering of golfing talent from all corners of the world is assured for Britain this summer and the Open Championship on the Royal Liverpool Club's course at Hoylake (Cheshire) could rightly claim to be the World Championship.

All this is because the two best players from every golfing country (and some that do not claim to be famous in a golfing sense) will gather for the Canada Cup and go on, a week later, to the Championships.

The news that the Canada Cup event would take place on June 25 and 26 at the Wentworth (Surrey) course, where the Ryder Cup match was decided in 1953, was broken last week and it is planned to send invitations to every country in the world. In accepting players will also confirm that they will stay on for the British Open Championship and there will be no apparent excuse for not doing so, apart, perhaps, from illness.

All expenses for the trip to Britain will be guaranteed and an honorarium to each player will look after the time spent on the Championship.

Behind all this is the International Golf Association and that means Mr John Jay Hopkins, its founder and chairman.

It was formed to promote international goodwill through golf, an ideal which is being lived up to by the fact that invitations for this year's Canada Cup tournament will be sent to the Soviet Union and Formosa, though the number of courses and quality of golf in those parts is an unknown quantity.

To recapitulate, the Canada Cup, valued at approximately £1,800, weighs 97 lbs and is the largest cup ever manufactured in Canada, came into being in 1953.

Seven countries competed over 36 holes.

DIFFERENT COURSE

Argentines won through Antonio Corda and Roberto de Vizcaya in Montreal. A year later it reached its present footprint, 72 holes were played and 25 countries took part. Australia's Peter Thompson and Kel Nagle won also in Montreal but on a different course to that of a year previously. Last year the event was taken to the United States.

There, in Washington, the Americans triumphed through Chick Herbert and Ed Furgol. Here, too, was inaugurated the international trophy part of the meeting and this handsome cup goes to the individual player with the best score over 72 holes.

Ed Furgol became the first holder after a play off with Peter Thomson (Australia) and Flory Van Donck (Belgium).

Now both trophies will be won on British soil and the

number of countries to compete may well exceed the 26 of last year when Sweden and Denmark combined as Scandinavia to make 28 teams.

The widespread interest has been shown during the past two years when, apart from the recognised golfing countries, players from Japan, Philippines, Mexico, Switzerland, Holland and Scandinavia, probably realising that they had little chance of winning, tackled the game and played their part in fulfilling the aims of the International Golf Association.

VISION AND ENERGY.

The good imagination, vision and energy of John Jay Hopkins—who is so closely associated with atomic energy and aircraft in business life—and his generosity in financing the event with no thought of return beyond the satisfaction of seeing men of diverse nations and languages becoming such friends, and quality of golf in those parts is an unknown quantity.

To recapitulate, the Canada Cup, valued at approximately £1,800, weighs 97 lbs and is the largest cup ever manufactured in Canada, came into being in 1953.

It should last for as long as there is a golf club and golf ball left in the world and must play a major part in strengthening the friendship of nations.

China Mail Special.

Revised Home Football Fixtures

London, Feb. 14. Revised English and Scottish football fixtures for next Saturday, February 18, are:

FA Cup, 5th Round.

Charlton v. Arsenal.

Doncaster Rovers v. Tottenham.

Everton v. Chelsea or Burnley.

Manchester City v. Liverpool.

Newcastle v. Stoke.

Sheffield United v. Sunderland.

West Bromwich v. Birmingham.

West Ham v. Blackburn Rovers.

League Division I.

Blackpool v. Luton Town.

Bolton v. Aston Villa (postponed on Feb. 4).

Cardiff v. Preston.

Huddersfield v. Burnley (provisional dependent on result of FA Cup replay between Chelsea and Burnley).

Wolverhampton v. Manchester United.

League Division II.

Bristol Rovers v. Barnsley.

Leicester v. Port Vale.

Lincoln City v. Notts County.

Plymouth v. Swansea Town.

Sheffield Wednesday v. Bristol City.

Scottish League "A".

Aberdeen v. Falkirk (brought forward from April 23).

Scottish League "B".

Aloa v. Morton (brought forward from April 25).

Cowdenbeath v. St. Johnstone (from April 21).

Dumbarton v. Forfar (from April 26).

Montrose v. East Stirlingshire.

Stranraer v. Berwick Rangers.

Third Lanark v. Ayr United (from April 21).

Scottish Cup Sixth Round.

Airdrieonians v. St. Mirren.

Ayr United v. Celtic.

Hartlepool v. Rangers.

Kilmarnock v. Queen of South.

Partick Thistle v. Brechin.

Ruthin Rovers v. Queen's Park.

Stenhousemuir v. Clyde.

Friendly Matches.

Hamilton Academicals v. Motherwell.

Nottingham Forest v. Spartak SKS (Yugoslavia).

Portsmouth v. Leeds United.

LEAGUE FIXTURES

The following English League fixtures, postponed on February 14, because of F. A. Cup replays, will be played next week providing the clubs are not engaged in Cup replays.

League Division I.

Arsenal v. Everton, February 21.

Aston Villa v. West Brom.

Bolton v. Tottenham.

Manchester City v. Sheffield United.

Plymouth v. Newcastle United.

Portsmouth v. Birmingham City.

Southampton v. West Ham United.

Tottenham Hotspur v. Middlesbrough.

West Ham United v. West Brom.

Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Coventry City.

Wolves v. Birmingham City.

Wolves v. Middlesbrough.

Wolves v. West Ham United.

Column With A Kick By DAVID JACK



A very special welcome to the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week goes to Rifleman Lubahndur Limbu of the 2/7 Gurkha Rifles for his fine win in the Annual Khud Race held in the New Territories on Saturday.

The winner had the added satisfaction of leading his colleagues to a victory in the team event and once again the tough, fit, sure-footed Gurkhas showed their superiority over all comers in this traditional running hill climb, although for a time it looked as though the enterprising team of 1 King's Own might cause a real upset.

The draws for the first of the 1 Essex Regt; and Pte Units Football Cup have produced some excellent games. The draws are as follows:

Major Units Cup: 8 Coy RASC v. 27 HAA Regt RA; 1 Essex v. H K Sig Regt; 1 Northamptons v. 1 North Staffs; 19 Fd Regt RA v. 1 King's Own; Byes—7 Hussars, 15 Med Regt RA; 24 Fd Engs, 74 LAA Regt RA.

Minor Units Cup: HKCTU v. HQ HK & Kln Garrison; 82 Inf Regt v. 173 Loc Bty RA; 11 Inf Wkshps v. 33 Gen Hosp, Trunant Camp v. 20 FDS; RE Wks Services v. 70 Coy RASC; 3 Supply Depot v. Q Mov; 8 COD v. BMH; HQ 27 Bde v. Cmd Wkshps; Byes—50 Coy RASC, HQ 48 Bde, 27 Lt Bty RA, RMF, HQRA Mov Lt Tp, Dlst Wkshps, CPO.

All first round games in both competitions will be played on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

INTER-UNIT BOXING

The 1956 Inter-Unit Team Boxing Championship has provided some grand bouts and two surprises both in contests and match results. When the draw was originally announced

there were those who felt that it was a pity that it had precluded the possibility of a North Staffs-Kings Own final. This feeling appears to have been based on the belief that these two units were very evenly matched. How wrong that proved to be!

They met in the first round and the North Staffs overwhelmed their opponents who managed to win only one bout in eleven, although in fairness it must be said that one or two of the contests were very close affairs. But points are what count and by 21 to 12 North Staffs scored a decisive victory and moved on to the next round . . . and to crown everything Land Forces Champion L/Cpl Meigh scored his third straight win over L/Cpl Jones, pride of the King's Own.

The other two matches were much closer and 7th Hussars accounted for 1 Northamptons by 10 points to 15, while in a thrilling clash there was only settled in the last bout Combined Workshops REME scraped through by 17 points to 16 against 27 HAA Regt RA. The feature of this latter match was the defeat of Colony Middle-weight Champion Cpl Dinning by Gnr Bon in the Light-Heavyweight bout. This was no Championship show by Dinning and his current ill-conceived selfish for the big punch is reducing him to very ordinary levels.

The first of the two semi-finals will take place at Sek Kong at 8 p.m. tonight when 7 Hussars meet 1 North Staffs in what should be a terrific battle for a place in the final.

The other semi-final between 74 LAA Regt RA and Combined Workshops REME will take place at Whitfield Barracks next Wednesday at 8 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

And now some important news for those interested in team athletics.

The North Minor Units meeting will be staged at Sek Kong on February 15 while the South Minor Units will tussle for supremacy at Boundary Street on Thursday, March 1. Three teams from each of these two groups will contest the Land Forces Minor Units Final at Boundary Street on March 10.

The Major Units Competition will be held in three sections as follows:—8 Bde at Sek Kong on February 15; 27 Bde at San Wan on March 2; and HK & Kln Gnr at Boundary Street on March 3. Two teams from each group will go forward to the Land Forces Major Units Final on March 17.

One of the high spots of the REME athletic meeting the other day was the exciting Open Mile which was won by LAC Martin of the Royal Air Force against a very strong field.

There were several well-known names among those who finished behind the fleet-footed airmen and if all current arrangements go according to plan a repetition of the thrill will be one of the big attractions at the Annual RAMC meeting at Boundary Street on February 22.

An invitation has been ex-

tended to LAC Martin to take part and as acceptances have already been received from Lt Col Ashton, Burtt and Lockstone

J. L. MANNING'S SPORTS DIARY

I TAKE THE BIG STICK TO HEADMASTER ELLIS

It is enough to have football matches abandoned because of snow and ice. It is altogether too much to have them stopped by referees imagining themselves to be heroes of the Mutiny on the Bounty.

Thus I reflect on the extraordinary action of Mr Arthur Ellis ending the game between Coventry and San Lorenzo because one of the Argentine players refused to go off when ordered and generally went berserk.

It was a collective punishment of the other players and all the spectators alike. The philosophy of caning the whole class when one boy is ungovernable is founded on weakness and not on strength. Since this bit of "headmaster-study" touched Mr Ellis he consented to a lot of publicity.

So I will not merely take the stick to Mr Ellis, but also invite him to say publicly that the job of a referee is to control the game and not to abandon it.

TRIBUTE TO WIVES

Indeed, I feel I ought to dwell upon some of the subjects Mr Ellis has seen fit to lecture upon since he was unable to go through with the match at Coventry.

Of footballers, Mr Ellis declares: "If footballers' children behave the way some footballers do, they would have sore bottoms very often."

If this is a tribute to footballers' wives, may I join the argument with these few lines: Johnnys' unruly and, more is the pity.

I kicks refects, like his dad who's with City. Inherited folly—his mother's face pale.

For didn't his grandpa play Rugby for Wales?

But that is not all from Headmaster Ellis. He has astounded us with this statement—and I quote:

"In sportsmanship the Ruslans are the best."

This remark makes me see red. So you can quote me as saying:

Karl Marx taught them to behave.

Obediently like a slave. If they lose they blame a gremlin. Which always satisfies the Kremlin.

WINTER GAMES

As we began with snow and ice let us continue. And talk about the Winter Games just concluded at Cortina.

At once I turn aside from the temptation of superficial comment. That would be to say that this is hardly the time to blame the lack of snow in Britain for our succession of failures.

No, I am concerned with other aspects of our Olympic policy. I am informed that we sent 45 competitors at a cost of about £4,000 to the British Olympic Association, and distributed as follows:

Skiers (25) £2,000;
Skaters (11) £800;
Bobes (9) £700.

In addition, uniforms and clothing for the parades cost £1,000, and other incidentals,

WORLD TRIP TO BOOST GAMES



Belgian Boxers Should Wear Leather Helmets

Brussels, Feb. 14.
A report recommending that Belgian boxers should wear leather helmets, foam rubber waist belts and large gloves with foam rubber surfaces was approved by the lower house Committee on Public Health tonight.

These measures were suggested as a protection against injuries to the head and body.

The report also stated that if a boxer were seriously hurt by an illegal blow, then his opponent would be responsible under civil law—China Mail Special.

Novel method of publicising the forthcoming Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia, has been hit upon by Mr Paul Morawetz, a Czech-born Australian. He is currently travelling round the world carrying with him an Olympic flag—and in every city he visits he prevails upon the mayor to sign the flag. Today he was received by London's Lord Mayor, Alderman Cuthbert Ackroyd, who is pictured signing the flag, while Mr Morawetz watches.—Express Photo.

SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

Edited By Bob Pennington

Two new recruits from Fulham, Charlie Mitten and Ron Greenwood, and one old hand from Highbury, Tommy Lawton, were lined up last week to take over the uneasy seats of soccer management.

Mitten has been appointed player-manager of Mansfield. He cost his new club just over £3,000. He lost his first team place at Fulham to Trevor Chamberlain, the boy who scored three goals against Newcastle in the fourth round Cup tie.

Dave Hickson, who failed as goal-scoring with Aston Villa, is in line for another move from centre-forward to right-winger at Huddersfield, where he has scored once in 13 games. (COPYRIGHT)

SHEFFIELD SHIELD

Another Good Bowling Spell By Ian Johnson

Melbourne, Feb. 14.

Ian Johnson, Australia's Test captain who is to lead the Australians on their tour of England this summer, had another good bowling spell today when Victoria beat West Australia by an innings and 192 runs in the final Sheffield Shield game of the season.

He took three wickets for 23 to give him match figures of 7 for 52.

Final scores were: Victoria 525; R. N. Harvey 142; Dick Madocks 98; C. McDonald 92; S. Luxton 67; L. Maddocks 54; A. Green six for 97).

West Australia 152 (K. Maguireman 40; Ian Johnson four for 29; J. Hill four for 37) and 181 (A. Edwards 42; Ian Johnson three for 23).

Victoria's win puts them in second place in the final Sheffield Shield table—two points behind New South Wales, who have won the title for the third year in succession.

Final positions in Shield Table are:

New South Wales 22 points 62.8 per cent.; Victoria 20 points 67.1 per cent.; Queensland 14 points 40 per cent.; Western Australia 9 points 22.8 per cent.—Reuter.

NEW S. AMERICAN SWIM RECORD

Vina del Mar, Feb. 14.

Chile's Oscar Alvarado set a new South American record for the 200 metres butterfly when he won one of today's series in 2:43.5.—United Press.

PI TENNIS

JAPANESE PAIR ELIMINATED BY FILIPINOS

Mardin, Feb. 15.

The Japanese doubles team of Juji Takayama and Kurio Watanabe were ousted yesterday from the Philippine National Open Championships by the Filipino team of former Davis Cupper Cesar Carmona and F. Deyro after a thrilling 7-5, 0-2, 6-2 match at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Stadium.

The Carmona-Deyro combination proved too much for the Japanese pair who fought the Filipinos gamely in the first set.

After dousing at 5-4, the Filipinos, however, went on to win the first and, taking advantage of the Japanese's weakness at cross-court play, took the next two sets in an easy fashion.

Takayama faced a tough assignment in the Singles

Championship today when he collected this afternoon with the third ranking Filipino player and Davis Cupper Johnny Jose.

Prance-Presse.

27 HAA Regt Wins Inter-Unit Squash Tournament

27 HAA Regiment RA became the Army Inter-Unit Squash Champions when they defeated the British Military Hospital by four games to one at the Victoria Squash Courts yesterday.

At the conclusion of the games, Mrs Cholmey, wife of Brigadier Cholmey, MBE, Commander Hongkong and Kowloon Garrison, presented the trophies, and was in turn presented with a bouquet of flowers by the captain of the winning team, Watson.

The following are the results:

Watson (27 HAA) lost to Sullivan (BMH) 6-9, 5-9, 5-9, Smith (27 HAA) beat Biggart (BMH) 10-8, 9-7, 9-7; Row (21 HAA) beat Wood (BMH) 9-0, 5-9, 0-6, 0-1; Carr (27 HAA) beat Allen (BMH) 9-3, 3-9, 9-2; Owen-Smith (27 HAA) beat Tym (BMH) 9-5, 9-4, 9-5.

Mainland Win?

The Island v. Mainland cricket match at Charter Road, which was to have been a two-day affair, was abandoned yesterday morning owing to the bitter cold and rain that greeted the Mainlanders who were 24 runs ahead at close of play on the first day and must have won on first innings, or was it a draw?

Famous handicappers like Sterop, twice winner of the Cambridge and Imperial, who ended up carrying the 9st. 12lb. to victory in the Chesterfield Cup at Goodwood, would never have reached their respective brilliance if they had not been consistently run out for their stumps so that they were continually on the upgrade.

In my opinion, schoolboy in public can be overdone, and in the case of the top-class performers it is the backer who pays the penalty.

The bowlers have given a warning to the trainers of inexperienced horses. Why not extend this to other animals?

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DEATH

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EVERYONE TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER

But Australia Means To Do Something About It

Melbourne, Feb. 14.

Everyone talks about the weather, but Australia means to do something about it.

Research on the weather is one of the major items on Australia's ambitious programme of Antarctic exploration for 1956. Australian explorers will this year continue to plough through blizzards and face many other dangers to learn more about Antarctica's frozen hinterland. As they do this, scientists, geologists and other specialists will study ice shrinkage, investigate cosmic rays and make other observations.

Australia claims 2,472,000 square miles of Antarctica, an area almost as big as the Commonwealth herself, as her territory.

Daily Rain

Weather research in the Antarctic became front page news in recent weeks when Antarctic winds were blamed for the worst summer in the southern hemisphere ever recorded in South Eastern Australia.

Wintry conditions, with rain falling almost daily, spoiled the Christmas and New Year holiday period for nearly 4,000,000 people.

The reason, said the scientists, was ice. According to reports from shipping, the Antarctic pack ice was much further north than usual. South winds blowing over Australia had a shorter distance to travel. Their unusual force, and cold, stopped the normal movement of fine weather across the continent from the west.

The scientists went to find out what makes the ice move, why its movements change each year, and what effect these changes have on the weather.

Meteorological information gained from this research could bring the Commonwealth nearer to accurate weather forecasts a month ahead, and predictions of droughts and floods more than a year ahead.

Lard Mines

It has also become important to Australia's defences to know more about Antarctica. Sea raiders operating from the Antarctic could be a serious menace to the Commonwealth's trade in time of war.

In World War II, a small German raider, the Komet, worked her way into the Southern Ocean. She captured a Norwegian whaling fleet fuelled from it, commanded one of its chasers, which she manned and armed as another raider and the two ships then laid mines along the Australian and New Zealand coasts.

A big ship operating from these unknown waters could have caused considerable damage.

Australia has had a permanent station at Mawson, on the MacRobertson Coast, since 1954. To support her claims to the vast, icy hinterland south of Mawson, Australian reconnaissance parties go out every summer, probing ever deeper into the frozen heart of the Antarctic Continent.

Far Limits

In 1954, a reconnaissance party, working from Mawson, found its way blocked by a majestic mountain range 200 miles inland. Seven men of the 1955 party picked their way over a barrier of crevasses to the great range itself, and the leader, John Bocherville, radioed back that they believed that they had found a pass through the mountains to the southern ice plateau.

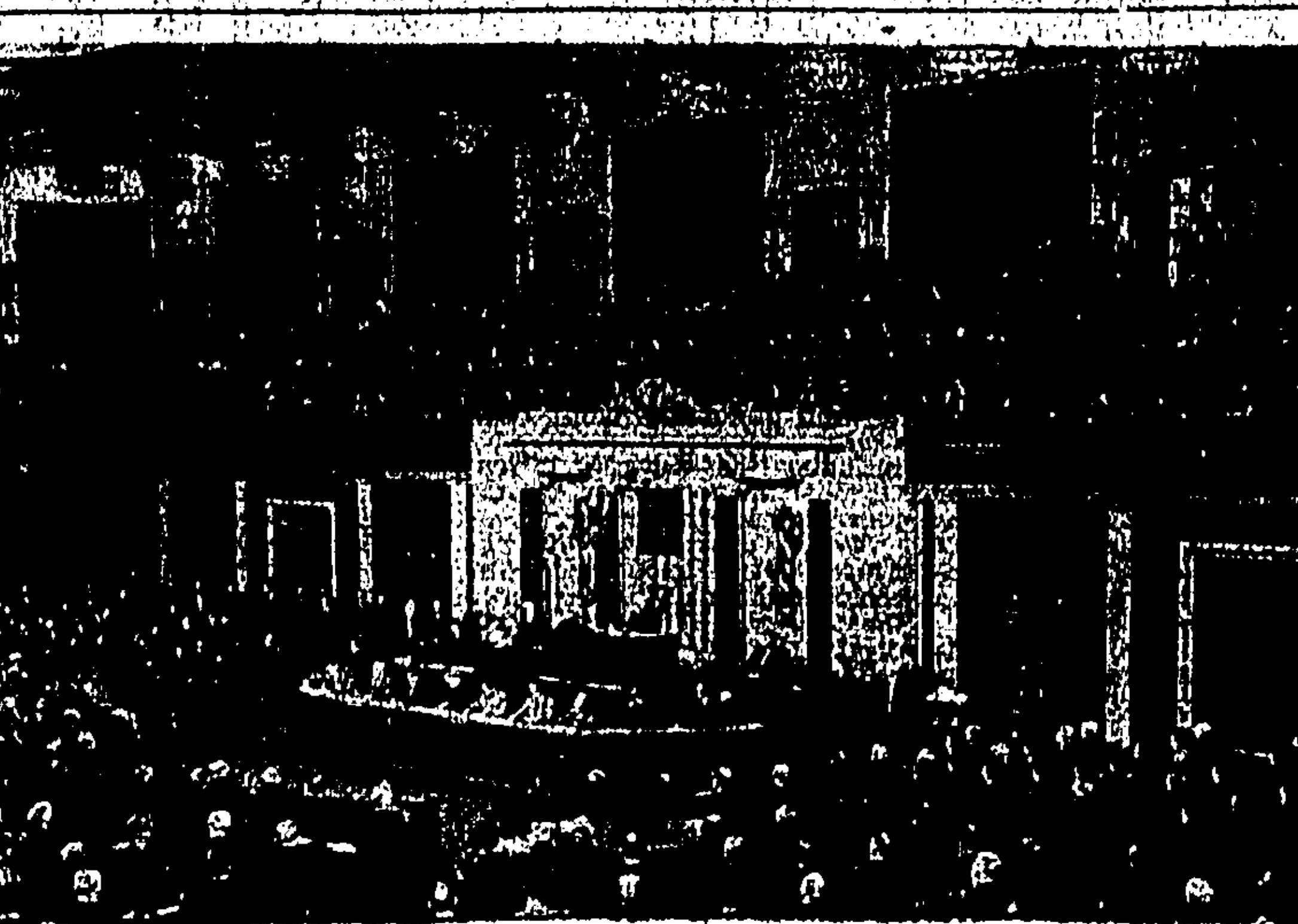
This year, another party will explore the far limits of the ranges in a 1,000-mile sortie from Mawson.

Also this year, as a preliminary to the work of the 1957-58 Geophysical Year, an Australian party in the polar research vessel Kista Dan is exploring the coast of Wilkes Land, a 1,000-mile-wide, treeless region, which has been photographed from the air in recent aerial reconnaissances, but on which no men have ever set foot.

Keypoint

Most important of all, this expedition will choose a site for an Australian base in the Westfold Hills of Princess Elizabeth Land, a sterile but ice-free region 350 miles east of Mawson, where ships can find good anchorage close to the coast during the summer months.

This base will be a keypoint during the Geophysical Year, providing an intermediate station between Mawson and the Soviet and American bases on the Amundsen-Knox Coast.



STINGING NETTLE COCKTAIL

Berlin, Feb. 14.
A "juice bar", offering "cocktails" of pressed plants, fruit and vegetables has attracted a large clientele in Berlin.

Stinging-nettle juice is recommended to recondition the blood, carrot-and-white-cabbage cocktail for slimming, and pressed parsley for over-worked managers.

Other beverages, guaranteed full of nourishment, are concocted from cucumbers, radishes, birch and hawthorn. —China Mail Special.

Strikers Return To Work

Melbourne, Feb. 15.
Most of Australia's 27,000 workers were back at work today after a three-week wage strike which crippled the country.

The only one idle was the Victorian wool-shipping port of Geelong here today reserved for the dockers' annual picnic. —Reuters.

Reuter.

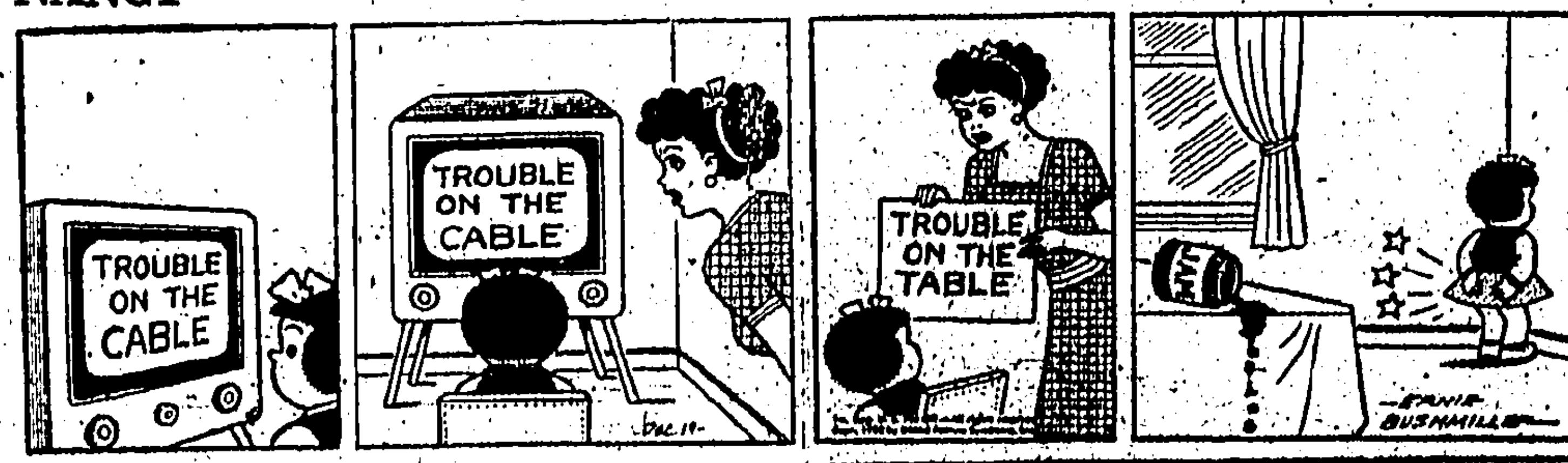
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'Security Net' Awaits Locusts Invading French Morocco

Rabat, Feb. 14.

A tightly woven French "security net" aimed at destroying locusts before they have had time to do any damage faces swarms of locusts as soon as they cross the border into French Morocco.

Mobile columns of the Agricultural Department of the French Residency, totalling 320 trucks and jeeps equipped with radio sets, are stationed in likely locust "target areas" throughout South Morocco ready to shower the locusts with a deadly chlorine powder as soon as they alight.

Tairtoen Piper Cub spotter aircraft, four biplanes and one vintage Junkers 52 take it in turns to attack the locusts from the air with chemical spray.

In Constant Touch

The French have built 25 emergency landing strips to enable the aircraft to operate as close as possible to the "locust target areas."

Three mobile radio stations with a central transmitter using very high frequency are in constant touch with the columns and their air support. Day and night, the radio network transmits flash reports of approaching swarms of locusts.

The insects usually land at dusk and will not begin to do their damage until morning, when they ravage all nearby vegetation before taking off again on their flight north.

If warned in time, a mobile column can speed to the "target area" overnight and attack the locusts at dawn.

Headquarters

To set up a satisfactory warning system, however, has proved difficult.

Notification of locust landings is compulsory by law in Morocco.

But with telephones rare in most of the sparsely populated southern regions, a tribesman may often waste precious time by riding to a local French post on mule or camel-back to announce that the locusts have arrived.

The headquarters of the anti-locust war is Rabat. Here, the

other storehouses have been hired from business men. These have a surface area of 7,000 square metres. Nearly 1,000 French and German powdering machines are being used.

On the sites themselves, the Residency's columns enlist the help of local tribesmen to man the equipment. The labour is recruited by the local Calids (chieftains), and there is a long tradition in the Bedouin countryside that anti-locust service should be unpaid.

The recruiting system gives rise to abuses, and tribesmen have complained to French officials that they bribed a Calid representative to be let off "locust duty" and were then forced by him to do it all the same.

A dense swarm of locusts may have as many as 300 insects per square yard. Some swarms are over 60 miles long. In the winter of 1954/55, 3,750,000 acres of land had to be treated in south Morocco. Seven thousand tons of anti-locust powder were used at a cost of £22,700,000.

Locusts are a favourite dish among the more primitive Berber tribes in the south. Under an old tradition, they are also served as a delicacy at Jewish wedding feasts.

At the height of the 1954 plague, the then French Resident-General, M. Francis Lacoste, called on the then Sultan Sidi Mohammed ben Moulay Abdellah to let him take the steps to be taken by the Resident to destroy the insects. The ageing Sultan is reported to have replied: "Please do not kill them all. My people will eat them."

Fatalistic View

So many locusts were killed at that time that business men set up several companies to extract oil from the dead insects. Tribesmen were paid 1d per lb for the dead insects.

As a whole, Moroccans take a fatalistic view of the locust threat. But each year French soldiers angrily demand still more drastic measures to fight the invasion. The locusts not only wreck crops but also kill cattle by depriving them of their food.

Methode now being used in Morocco are largely based on British methods in Kenya.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

NY COTTON
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OPEN
HIGHER

New York, Feb. 14. Cotton futures today opened higher and maintained a firm undertone for the rest of the session.

Covering in the March delivery, anticipating first notice day—Feb. 23—and reflecting a further shrinking in the certificated stock, dominated the situation in nearby months.

Right at the close, day trade realising unsettled the deferred deliveries, but the March contract finished at the day's high. Final range showed the lift up 18 to off 8 points. Opening prices were up to 13 points.

New crop delivery featured further buying credited to shippers, spot merchants and other trade. Interests, supposedly replacement buying against the date of actual cotton for delivery later in the year.

SELLERS CAUTIOUS

Sellers' cautiousness pending developments on farm legislation, aided the rising trend in later months, with the New Orleans Exchange closed today for the Mardi Gras holiday buying was concentrated in the local market, traders said.

A tightening spot cotton situation following the heavy importation under the government loan programme, provided additional strength for the nearby. The March contracts edged close to the 34¢ cent level, the highest price on record in a little more than a year.

The certificated stock totalled 10,426 bales, a decline of 342 bales from the previous posting. Open contracts in March at the start of trading today totalled 190,400 bales.

Volume and open interest were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
Mar.	17,100	199,400
July	31,000	272,200
Oct.	23,000	226,500
Mar.	4,400	12,400
May	3,800	179,000
July	1,700	14,900
Total	10,320	190,400 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Spot	Mar.	July	Oct.	Mar.	May	July
30.50¢	30.50¢	30.50¢	30.50¢	30.50¢	30.50¢	30.50¢
30.74-75	30.74-75	30.74-75	30.74-75	30.74-75	30.74-75	30.74-75
30.90-93	30.90-93	30.90-93	30.90-93	30.90-93	30.90-93	30.90-93
32.20	32.20	32.20	32.20	32.20	32.20	32.20
32.40-42	32.40-42	32.40-42	32.40-42	32.40-42	32.40-42	32.40-42
32.60-67	32.60-67	32.60-67	32.60-67	32.60-67	32.60-67	32.60-67
30.03	30.03	30.03	30.03	30.03	30.03	30.03

LIVERPOOL

Future closing, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Old contract	Mar./Apr.	May/June	July/Aug.	Oct./Nov.	Dec./Mar.	Mar./Apr.
20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50
20.95	20.95	20.95	20.95	20.95	20.95	20.95
21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
21.05	21.05	21.05	21.05	21.05	21.05	21.05
21.10	21.10	21.10	21.10	21.10	21.10	21.10
21.15	21.15	21.15	21.15	21.15	21.15	21.15

SAO PAULO

Futures were unavailable until tomorrow—holiday. The US spot cotton price was also not available. Sales at 12 of the 14 designated spot markets totalled 40,562 bales. United Press.

Pacific Coast Business Leaders Predict Prosperous Year

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Feb. 14. The No. 1 RSS rubber futures today closed 2 to 100 points lower with sales of 434 contracts.

The new standard contract closed 10 to 100 points lower with sales of 21 contracts.

Prices steadied somewhat at the close, reflecting covering by early sellers and a routine trade demand. Earlier weakness was attributed to a holiday accumulation of liquidation encouraged by lower London cables, plus continued dullness in the local spot market and reports of some factory accumulation.

Futures:

Month	Mar.	May	July	Oct.	Mar.	May	July	Oct.	Mar.	May	July
No. 1 RSS	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00
No. 1 New Standard	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00
No. 2	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00
No. 3	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00
No. 4	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00
No. 5	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
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LONDON METAL PRICES

London, Feb. 14. The tin market closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

Tin spot	1 month	3 months	1 year
775.00	775.00	775.00	775.00
780.00	780.00	780.00	780.00
785.00	785.00	785.00	785.00
790.00	790.00	790.00	790.00
795.00	795.00	795.00	795.00
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860.00	860.00	860.00	860.00
865.00	865.00	865.00	865.00
870.00	870.00	870.00	870.00
875.00	875.00	875.00	875.00
880.00	880.00	880.00	880.00
885.00	885.00	885.00	

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1956.

STARTS INSTANTLY
NEVER MISSES
SHEAFFER'S
CLICKER'
MEDIUM & FINE
BALLPOINTS AVAILABLE

JOHN CLARKES
CASEBOOK

In Search
Of A Wife

MEN take drink that is stronger than water for many reasons. Some drink to revive flagging spirits, others to bolster a flitting courage. Some drink to be sociable, some in obedience to doctors' orders, a few because they are thirsty.

Occasionally, despair drives a man to bottle or barrel, and that is the worst kind of drinking of all. It was the kind of drinking Jan indulged in the other evening.

Jan is a stocky, serious-looking, fair-haired man, an exile here since the war, in which he fought on the winning side alongside Britain's

A HOME

As many of his compatriots have, Jan has built up a new life here, and by hard work has established a home, made friends and found a wife. There seemed every chance of happiness, and the growing nostalgia for his homeland that had once been his constant companion visited him less and less frequently.

Then Jan began to suspect that his wife was losing interest in him and in their life together. There was a man she was friendly with, Jan knew the man by sight, though not by name. Jan was sure it was he who had come between his wife and himself.

PURSUIT

WHEN his wife announced the other evening that she had to go, she was so vague in giving reasons that Jan felt certain she had gone to meet the other man. He thought he knew where the two would have gone—to one or another of a number of public-houses in the West End.

Jan decided on pursuit. He wanted to settle the matter once and for all, to appeal to the other man, and to his wife, to put an end to their friendship.

In the first public-house that he went to Jan saw no sign of his wife or the man. He took a drink or two to warm up his cold loneliness. Then he moved on to the next inn.

I HAD NO INTENTION

SOON hours and many drinks afterwards, Jan reeled on to an Oxford Street pavement. He had visited numerous bars, and caught no glimpse of his wife or rumour of her having been there.

On the pavement, a policeman plucked up Jan as he staggered, and arrested him for being drunk.

"Gully," Jan said bleakly at the Clerkenwell court next morning.

"Is there anything you want to say?" the magistrate, Mr Frank Powell, asked him, when he had heard the policeman's story.

"Yes, there is something," Jan said. "I had drinks too many, I had not the intention of getting drunk. My wife, you see, I wanted to have some words with this other man."

I AM NOT THAT SORT

He haltingly told his story, then:

"Perhaps it's just as well, you didn't meet this man, if you were drunk," said the magistrate. "You might—"

"I am not that sort," Jan said dully. "I would just have had with him a quiet word."

The magistrate turned to his clerk. "He certainly seems very depressed," he observed. "Has he any money?"

"He had £14 on him," the clerk answered.

"You must pay 5s," said the magistrate to the clerk.

"Yes, sir." Jan nodded and went away, back to the home he had built on uncertain foundation in a land that was foreign to him, and back to his doubts and fears.

Board Abolishes Segregation

New York, Feb. 14. The Wilmington, Delaware, Board of Education voted unanimously last night to abolish segregation in all public schools here, effective next September.

The Board had abolished segregation in elementary schools two years ago and last September extended integration up to the seventh grade in junior high schools. —United Press.

The Queen Opens New Nigerian Parliament Today

Ibadan, Nigeria, Feb. 15.

The Queen today opens new parliament buildings here for the western region of Nigeria—one of her last official functions before she returns to London by air tomorrow night.

She will turn a golden key in the main door of the buildings raised at a cost of £370,000, and this western region will have its first permanent home for the two houses of the legislature, giving accommodation to its 46 members of the House of Chiefs and 80 members of the House of Assembly.

Tens of thousands of Nigerians who have not yet had the opportunity of seeing the royal couple will get their chance today, when the Queen and Duke leave here to travel 90 miles by road back to Lagos.

This journey through miles of cocoa plantations, oil plantations, kowas nuts and fields of cassava, maize, yams and bananas, will take the royal couple nearly seven hours.

The convoy of vehicles will travel slowly to give villagers and plantation workers a chance of welcoming the Queen along the whole route.

BLAFFED STREETS

The last few miles of the journey will be once again through the bluffed streets of Lagos, where tens of thousands of Nigerians are expected to line the route and give the Queen another great welcome on the eve of her return to Britain.

The Queen last night presented a silver cup to a team of tribal dancers who performed a special dance.

The Isoko national dancing team from the Niger delta, who were presented with the cup won in a national competition last year, included 44 women bedecked in gold, silver and coral jewellery worth over £20,000.

Three other teams also gave displays before the Queen and Duke, who sat with guests after a state dinner.—Reuters.

Quiz Competitor Gives In

Now York, Feb. 14.

Mrs Ora Bikle, a contestant on TV's biggest giveaway show, made a surprise withdrawal today from the programme, giving up a chance to win as much as \$10,000.

Mrs Bikle, an international lawyer from Tel-Aviv, had built up a stake of \$20,000 on NBC-TV's "The Big Surprise" by answering a series of questions in the category

"Napoleon."

She was scheduled to make a try for \$50,000 on the show last Saturday night but did not appear. It was announced on the show that she was ill.

"She told us today," said the producer of the show, "that she does not wish to go on. She said she felt she would faint if she walked onstage. It's the first time anyone has been allowed to quit."

Under the rules of the programme, a contestant cannot quit with his winnings. The producer indicated, however, that an exception would be made for Mrs Bikle and she would receive the \$20,000 she has won thus far.—United Press.

Wasn't A Fire After All

London, Feb. 14. "Fire" broke out in the staid House of Commons today and Britain's parliamentarians reacted with aplomb.

Captain E. W. Hart (Lab) was apparently the first to notice the smoke coming into the chamber through the ventilation grills. He interrupted Viscount Hinchingbrooke, who was moving an amendment to a housing bill.

"I know Lord Hinchingbrooke could not set the House on fire, but has he set the House on fire?" he asked, among twitters from the Opposition benches.

In Parliamentary fashion, the deputy Speaker, Sir Thys Hopkin-Morris, moved to the aid of the bewildered speaker. He

asked inquiries were being made about the smoke.

Later he announced that it was not smoke but steam, caused by a fault in the House's humidifier.—United Press.

Mail Notices

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WEDNESDAY 15
By Air
Formosa, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East,
Africa, Europe, 9 p.m.

By Surface

Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY 16
By Air

Japan, 8 a.m.
Korea, Shantung, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Guangxi, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Ger-
many, Great Britain, noon.

Philippines, 1 p.m.
India, Pakistan, Middle East,
Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Aus-
tralia & New Zealand, 6 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.

Macau, 1 p.m.

East Africa, Portugal, South Africa, N.
& S. Rhodesia, Parcels via L. Mar-

quilla, Indonesia, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY 17
By Air

Japan, 8 a.m.
Korea, 10 a.m.
Malaya, 1 p.m.
Africa, Portugal, South Africa, N.
& S. Rhodesia, Parcels via L. Mar-

quilla, Indonesia, 5 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.

Macau, 1 p.m.

East Africa, 1 p.m.

Philippines, 1 p.m.

Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New

Zealand & Ceylon, 6 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.

Macau, 1 p.m.

U.S.A., Central & South America

4 Thailand, 4 p.m.

Macau, 6 p.m.

Sacked Police Officer To Appeal

London, Feb. 14.

A 47-year-old Metropolitan Police Inspector in London's West End, who was dismissed under the Police discipline code, is to appeal to the Home Office.

He is Inspector Charles Jacobs. It was announced yesterday from Scotland Yard that his appeal to Sir John Nott Bower, Commissioner of Police, had been rejected.

Inspector Jacobs is in hospital, and today his daughter announced that her father would appeal to the Home Office.

The statement by Scotland Yard said that Inspector Jacobs was found guilty by a disciplinary board of having assisted a convicted prostitute to obtain premises for the purpose of prostitution, of having failed to disclose in court the previous convictions of a man found guilty of living on immoral earnings, and of having failed to account for property taken from him by another man whom he had arrested for living on immoral earnings.—China Mail Special.

DOG GOES ON A SPREE

Carlisle, Feb. 14.

Brynn, a sad-looking St Bernard, spent last night in the local jail because he was drunk.

Brynn belongs to Bob Pollitt of nearby Wetheral. He scrounges beer from patrons of the Wheatsheaf pub. He usually downys two or three pints a night.

Last night he downed more and was caught when he staggered into an Army camp here and ignored the sentries' orders to halt. Brynn was turned over to the police.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Remember all those bridge prizes that you didn't like, Mom? We made \$8 selling 'em around the neighbourhood!"

CYPRUS AGREEMENT POSSIBLE TODAY

From RENE MacCOLL

Nicosia, Feb. 14.

There may be an agreement in the making here in Cyprus tonight which will bring peace back again to the island, end the killing of British servicemen, and ensure Britain's base in Cyprus remains as a bastion of Western strength hardly close to the nervous Middle East.

I spent an hour with handsome, gentle-voiced Archbishop Makarios in his palace last night, and the thing which particularly struck me during our talk was the sense of confidence in a solution to the "troubles" which he showed throughout.

Archbishop Makarios was clearly in an optimistic mood and also a conciliatory mood as well. He told me with absolute assurance that if he agreed to a deal with the Governor, Sir John Harding, it would stick. "If I accept an arrangement I feel confident that all the people will accept it too. Eoka (extremist militant organisation) will abide by any decision I reach. I secured agreement from all the Greeks in Cyprus before sending my last reply to Sir John. I am absolutely confident Cyprus will agree with my judgment."

"Eoka won't fly me. I believe we have shown understanding and goodwill. Now it is up to Britain on whether an agreement can be reached."

Archbishop Makarios spoke warmly of Sir John Harding. "From the Governor personally I receive understanding. When I discuss matters with him he always shows understanding and goodwill," he said.

"The future? Once a solution has been worked out, I look forward to good friendship between the peoples of Cyprus and Britain."

Tonight the lights were burning late in the archbishop's rambling palace as Makarios and his personal advisors studied Sir John Harding's latest letter.—London Express Service.

MALENKOV REMAINS

London, Feb. 14. Russia's High Command kept ousted premier Georgi Malenkov in the top rank of its leaders today in the first official indication of his role at the Communist Party Congress.

Malenkov was included with Premier Nikolai Bulganin and the Party chief, Nikita Khrushchev, in the 28-man Congress Steering Committee (presidium) elected at the first session. The ex-premier was listed last. But Soviet experts here said the order of names broadcast by Radio Moscow appeared to indicate neither rank nor precedence.

Khrushchev was listed 32nd among the 28 and Bulganin was fifth, followed by the Foreign Minister, V. M. Molotov.

It appeared, observers said, that the names had been deliberately shuffled to eliminate any speculation on their rank. —United Press.

DISHONORED CHEQUE

\$30,000 Judgment For Plaintiffs

Judgment with costs was awarded by Mr Justice J. Reynolds at the Supreme Court this morning to the Kwock Kwong Hong, of Room 607, No. 4, Queen's Road Central, in a claim of \$30,000 against the Tung Sun Trading Co., endorsers of a cheque and Liu Kuo-chi, a partner of the trading company.

The plaintiffs were represented by Mr A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr A. Y. Hon. The defendants were not present during the proceedings.

The claim was against the Fu Kee and Co. drawers of a cheque drawn on the Kin Chong Banking Corporation for \$30,000 dated January 31, 1954, which was dishonoured upon presentation. Woo Hung-tap, a partner of the Company, the Tung Sun Trading Co., endorsers of the cheque and Liu Kuo-chi.

The claim was against the Fu Kee and Co. drawers of a cheque drawn on the Kin Chong Banking Corporation for \$30,000 dated January 31, 1954, which was presented to the Bank to be cashed but was dishonoured.

Mr See Chi-wai, managing partner of the Kwock Kwong Hong, said the cheque had been paid to his firm in return of a loan for \$30,000. Dated January 31, 1954, the cheque was presented to the Bank to be cashed but was dishonoured.

Mr See Chi-wai, managing partner of the Kwock Kwong Hong, said the cheque had been paid to his firm in return of a loan for a sum of \$30,000.